

Introduced by:	Mayor
Date:	09/01/09
Hearing:	10/13/09
Action:	Enacted as Amended
Vote:	9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 2009-19-05**

**AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC  
ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$699,300 FOR THE BOROUGH'S  
COOK INLET BELUGA WHALE RECOVERY STUDY**

**WHEREAS,** the borough recognizes that data on beluga whale habitat is collected in association with other studies; however, no comprehensive set of habitat characteristics for the Cook Inlet beluga whale is available; and

**WHEREAS,** the Cook Inlet beluga whale has been listed as an endangered species under the Marine Mammal Protection Act and identified as being in danger of extinction; and

**WHEREAS,** the understanding of basic Cook Inlet beluga whale life history and biology are essential to assessing population health and growth; and

**WHEREAS,** the Kenai Peninsula Borough has received a grant in the amount of \$699,300 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to fund research seeking to understand the conditions that contribute to the apparent inability of the Cook Inlet beluga whale to maintain a stable population; and

**WHEREAS,** for projects involving the collection and analysis of information on marine mammals and other marine resources, the grant program has no statutory match formula; therefore, the U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA grant program does not require a local match; and

**WHEREAS,** it is in the best interest of the borough to accept the grant to work toward establishing a comprehensive set of habitat characteristics for the Cook Inlet beluga whale;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:**

**SECTION 1.** That the mayor is authorized to accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, in the amount of \$699,300 for the Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Recovery Research program and is authorized to execute a grant agreement and any other documents deemed necessary to accept the grant and to fulfill the intents and purposes of this ordinance. Expenditures of the grant will be approved by resolution.

**SECTION 2.** That the grant funds in the amount of \$699,300 are hereby appropriated to Account No. 271.21135.90216.49999, project account, for purpose of completing the project.

**SECTION 3.** That due to the length and nature of this project, the appropriation established through this ordinance shall not lapse at the end of any particular fiscal year.

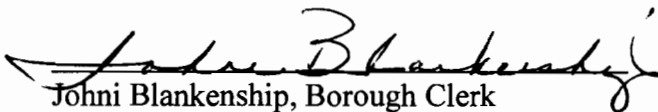
**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment.

**ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 13TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.**

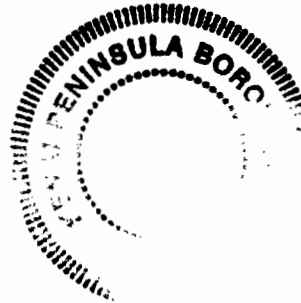


Milli Martin, Assembly President

ATTEST:



Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk



Yes: Fischer, Knopp, Long, Pierce, Smalley, Smith, Sprague, Superman, Martin  
No: None  
Absent: None